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Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A composition comprising biotin in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 0.01 mg per kg body weight to about 3 mg per kg body weight and at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine or a metabolite thereof, EGCG, phytanic acid, lipoic acid and policosanol.

2. (Currently amended): A composition according to ~~as in~~ claim 1 comprising ~~wherein~~ biotin and at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine or a metabolite thereof, EGCG, phytanic acid and lipoic acid ~~is present~~.

3. (Currently amended): A composition according to ~~as in~~ claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~ wherein pantethine is present.

4. (Original): A composition as in claim 3 containing pantethine in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 1 mg per kg body weight to about 50 mg per kg body weight.

5. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 ~~[[as in any one of claims 1-4]]~~ wherein EGCG is present.

6. (Original): A composition as in claim 5 containing EGCG in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 0.3 mg per kg body weight to about 30 mg per kg body weight.

7. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 ~~as in any one of claims 1-6~~ wherein phytanic acid is present.

8. (Original): A composition as in claim 7 containing phytanic acid in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 1 mg per kg body weight to about 100 mg per kg body weight.

9. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 ~~as in any one of claims 1-8~~ wherein lipoic acid is present.

10. (Original): A composition as in claim 9 wherein lipoic acid is present in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 0.3 mg per kg body weight to about 30 mg per kg body weight.

11. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 ~~as in any one of claims 1-10~~ wherein policosanol is present.

12. (Original): A composition as in claim 11 wherein policosanol is present in an amount sufficient to administer to a subject a daily dosage of 0.002 mg per kg body weight to about 1.5 mg per kg body weight.

13. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 ~~as in any one of claims 1-12~~ which is in dosage unit form.

14. (Original): A composition as in claim 13 wherein the dosage unit form is a solid dosage unit form.

15. (Original): A composition as in claim 14 wherein the dosage unit form contains about 0.35 mg to about 200 mg of biotin.

16. (Original): A composition as in claim 13 wherein the dosage unit form is a liquid dosage unit form.

17. (Original): A composition as in claim 16 wherein the dosage unit form contains about 0.35 mg to about 200 mg of biotin per ml.

18. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 ~~as in any one of claims 1-12~~ which is a food or beverage or a supplement composition for a food or beverage.

19. (Currently amended): A food or beverage comprising about 0.03 mg to about 50 mg of biotin per serving and at least one additional component selected from

the group consisting of pantethine or a metabolite thereof, EGCG, phytanic acid, lipoic acid and policosanol.

20. (Currently amended): A food or beverage comprising about 0.03 mg to about 50 mg of biotin per serving and at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine or a metabolite thereof, EGCG, phytanic acid and lipoic acid.

21 - 25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of both type 1 and 2 diabetes, and for the prevention of type 2 diabetes in those individuals with pre-diabetes, or impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) or obesity which comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment biotin in a daily dosage of 0.01 mg per kg body weight to about 3 mg per kg body weight together with at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine or a metabolite thereof, EGCG, phytanic acid, lipoic acid and policosanol.

27. (Currently amended): A method for the treatment of both type 1 and 2 diabetes, and for the prevention of type 2 diabetes in those individuals with pre-diabetes, or impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) or obesity which comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment biotin in a daily dosage 0.01 mg per kg body weight to about 3 mg per kg body weight together with at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of pantethine or a metabolite thereof, EGCG, phytanic acid and lipoic acid.